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DIXON MAN ARRESTED ON FEDERAL CHILD PORNOGRAPHY CHARGES

ROCKFORD – PATRICK J. FITZGERALD, United States Attorney for the Northern District of Illinois; ROBERT D. GRANT, Special Agent-in-Charge of the Chicago Division of the Federal Bureau of Investigation; and KENNETH T. LAAG, Postal Inspector-in-Charge, United States Postal Service, today made the following announcement:

On Wednesday, November 16, 2005, **DAVID E. HEWELT**, 61, of 143 Fall Rd., Dixon, Illinois, was arrested by the Federal Bureau of Investigation on a federal complaint charging him with transporting, distributing and possessing child pornography which had traveled in interstate commerce.

Hewelt appeared in Rockford federal court before United States Magistrate Judge P. Michael Mahoney yesterday, November 17, 2005, and was released on bond. Hewelt is scheduled to appear again before Magistrate Mahoney on December 19, 2005.

According to the criminal complaint, Hewelt was using the internet to distribute videos depicting pre-pubescent girls engaging in sexually explicit conduct with adult males, and was in possession of images of minors engaged in sexually explicit conduct.

If convicted, Hewelt faces a maximum potential sentence of up to 20 years in prison and a fine of up to \$250,000 on each charge. If convicted, the actual sentence will be determined by a United States District Court Judge, guided by the United States Sentencing Guidelines.

The case was investigated by the Chicago Federal Bureau of Investigation's Innocent Images Task Force, with assistance from the Rockford Office of the FBI and the Lee County Sheriff's Department. The Innocent Images Task Force is comprised of FBI Special Agents, Inspectors from the U.S. Postal Inspection Service, Investigators from the Cook County Sheriff's Police Department and Detectives from the Palos Heights, Illinois Police Department. The case is being prosecuted in federal court by Rockford Assistant United States Attorney Michael D. Love.

Members of the public are reminded that a criminal complaint is only a charge and is not evidence of guilt. The defendant is entitled to indictment by a federal grand jury and a fair trial at which time the government has the burden of proving guilt beyond a reasonable doubt.

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